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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTIONAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Advisory Action in the above-entitled application, mailed January 23, 2003, and a phone conversation with the Examiner regarding this Advisory action on or about February 3, 2003. The Applicant spoke with the Examiner regarding a previously filed Declaration of Prior Invention. The Examiner graciously explained to the Applicant what he would find suitable as evidence as required by 37 CFR 1.131(b) and said he would be happy to look at such a Declaration. The Examiner also requested that the Applicant should include with this amended Declaration the arguments as originally presented by the Applicant against the references combined with the reference sworn behind. The Applicant has removed the arguments (outside of the swear-behind declaration) regarding the Reijnders (6,464,121) reference for brevity reasons.

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his help and patience in this matter.